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## JUNE 14 IS UTAH DAY AT THE FAIR

All members of the Stake, especially all former Utahns, and all friends are cordially invited to join in Utah's special day at Treasure Island on June 14. This also happens to be Flag Day, a holiday, and a large attendance is therefore expected. Special guests expected are Governor Blood, Governor Culbert L. Olson of California, and President Heber J. Grant. Activities to interest all have been planned which will occupy the entire day. From 10 a. m. on open house will be held at the Hall of Western States, and guests will be registered, badges and souvenirs distributed.

At 3 p. m. will be a Utah Youth Parade from the Athletic Field to the Hall of Western States, concluding with a 30-minute formal reception and program, with opportunity to meet and shake hands with the special guests. At 6:30 there will be a dinner in the California Ball Room with Leland Cutler as master of ceremonies. This will be followed by a reception and dancing.

Special music will be had throughout the day. At least two bands will be available—the Exposition Band and the nationally-famous band of the Carbon County High School from Price, Utah. For over ten years the student band of this high school has placed extremely high in national high school band contests, and in many of those years has won first place. The drill work has been particularly outstanding. Price with its own band contests has achieved as much, if not more, recognition in this field of music as Springville has with its famous art exhibit.

Other special music will be furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus from Oakland Stake and the mixed choir from San Francisco Stake. Young people are especially urged to be on hand at two o'clock to participate in the parade.

## COMING EVENTS

- June 5—Sunday evening, Mormon Male Chorus in recital at San Francisco ward chapel for benefit of San Francisco Stake House.
- June 7—Tuesday evening, Farewell Testimonial for Warren Carr, Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley.
- June 9-10-11—General M. I. A. and Primary Conference Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- June 13—Monday evening, 8 p. m. Special meeting called for Stake Presidency, High Council, Bishoprics, Relief Society Presidencies, M. I. A. Stake and Ward Officers, and Aaronic Priesthood workers to meet Bishop Joseph Wirthlin and discuss matters of importance.
- June 14—(Flag Day), Utah's day at Treasure Island.
- June 25—Sunday evening, 5:00 p. m. Vesper services by Latter-day Saints at the Temple of Religion on Treasure Island.

## MISSIONARIES GONE AND GOING



Warren Carr

Ralph Lauper

Gwendolyn Millet

## ELDER LYMAN IS VISITOR AT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Elder Richard R. Lyman of the Council of the Twelve, fresh from his sojourn as head of the European mission, was the representative of the General Authorities at the recent priesthood conference held in Oakland, May 13 and 14. All of the meetings were well attended, beginning with the priesthood session Saturday evening. Perhaps the high spot of the conference was the Sunday evening session at which the program was furnished by the boys of the Aaronic priesthood. A chorus of 100 boys, directed by Frank J. Parsons, furnished several songs. Speakers at this session were Elder Lyman, President Beesley of Salt Lake Stake, Bishop C. Clarence Neslen, former mayor of Salt Lake City, and President Hilton. President Hilton paid a brief tribute to the late Phares W. Dunyon, former bishop of Berkeley ward.

## OAKLAND PLAYS HOST TO M MEN, GLEANERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some five hundred young men and women from the four northern stakes of California met at Oakland in the second annual convention of M Men and Gleaners, from May 27th through May 30th. The convention was an outstanding success from every point of view, particularly in furthering its primary motive of making these young people acquainted with others having the same background, objectives and ideals.

Special guests of the occasion were General Superintendent George Q. Morris of the Y. M. M. I. A., together with Dr. L. L. Daynes, Helen Williams and Hazel Brockbank of the general boards of the M. I. A. These folks delivered special messages to the delegates at the two Sunday services, and were available for informal chats and advice throughout the four-day session.

On Saturday, the opening day, from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., delegates were registered at the Oakland chapel, and assigned by the housing committee to be guests at various homes for the duration of the meet. Registration was followed at 8:00 p. m. with an informal buffet

The months of April and May have witnessed a spurt of activity in missionary work in this Stake, or rather, both in the Stake and in sending emissaries into the foreign field. President Robert T. Payne of the Stake mission reported at conference that his 39 missionaries had baptised 26 persons and brought some 32 into activity during the three months of February, March and April. During this period his force devoted approxi-

mately 340 evenings or 700 hours to the work, distributed 120 copies of Church work, 36 other books and over 1500 pamphlets. His great need, he said, is for more missionaries. Those who work in this field are expected to devote two evenings each week for a period of two years, and there is as much, if not more work to be done than in the foreign field.

Elder Richard R. Lyman had interviews, while attending our conference, with some fifteen prospective missionaries, and it is expected that during the coming six months a great number of these will be going on their way into the field.

Already gone is Ralph J. Lauper, fifth and youngest son of Mrs. Emma Lauper, of Diamond ward, who was tendered a farewell testimonial on April 7. He will go to Denmark. On her way also is Miss Gwendolyn Millet, the first missionary to be sent from Hayward ward. She will labor in the New England States mission. The next to go will be Warren Carr, of Claremont ward, who is to be the guest at a farewell party on the evening of June 7. He is the third son of Bishop Charles Carr to fill a mission, the other two to Holland. Warren, however, goes to Canada.

President Robert T. Payne of the Stake mission reports that he has serving under him as missionaries two elders, two high priests, twenty-five seventies and ten ladies. He needs more missionaries who can devote two evenings each week to the cause. There is an active organization in every ward but one.

## SPECIAL MEETING IN OAKLAND STAKE CALLED BY PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Bishop Joseph C. Wirthlin of the Presiding Bishopric will be in Oakland for a special meeting at 8 p. m. on June 13. It is requested that the following persons be in attendance: all members of Stake presidency and high council, all members of ward bishoprics and branch presidencies, Stake and ward workers in the M. I. A., Stake and ward Aaronic priesthood committee members, Stake and ward presidencies of Relief Societies.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he  
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord  
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his  
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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## OAKLAND'S ERA DRIVE IS SPECIALLY COMMENDED BY PRESIDENT GRANT

President Hilton has just received the following personal letter from President Grant which is of interest to all members of the Stake:  
Dear Brother Hilton:

We are very grateful for the excellent record made by your Stake last year and this year in the matter of placing *The Improvement Era* in the homes of your people. Our records show your Stake has exceeded its quota both years. With the Church growing, and as it is, it is more necessary than ever before that our people be kept close to us in their thinking and their living. *The Improvement Era* is one of the best means we have of doing this, and we will all be highly gratified when it is found in the home of every member of the Church.

We have appreciated the loyal and devoted efforts of you and your workers and we wish you would let us know whenever we can be more helpful toward the end that every home in Oakland Stake may be blessed and enriched by the influence of *The Improvement Era*.

I have never yet preached anything during the fifty-eight years from the time I was made President of Tooele Stake, or ever asked anything of the Latter-day Saints that I would not do myself—and for more than forty years I have been working for *The Improvement Era* either as business manager or as editor, during which time I have signed many thousands of letters, and have made personal contributions in addition, in order that the *Era* could be sent free to our missionaries and in order that it could grow to become a magazine that would build faith and carry the message of the leaders of the Church into the homes of our people—which it is doing. For this service I have never received a dollar of compensation, but I have been well repaid in seeing the magazine grow as a printed "Voice of the Church." The article, "A Page From the Life of a Business Manager," which appeared in the November issue of the *Era* tells of some of these past experiences, and gives an insight into my views on the mission of this magazine.

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### MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As vacation time approaches we urge the Saints to keep first things first and not neglect, even for a short period, those things we each hold sacred.

Some will leave home to spend a few weeks in the neighboring parks or seaside resorts or travel back to homes in the mountains. In strange surroundings, attendance at meetings and time for worship are easily neglected. We take pride in the fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is an every-day, practical religion, and can be practiced and applied wherever we find ourselves. Those who plan to vacation away from the organized branches of the Church will find great joy and satisfaction from a "family Sunday School" or reading class. A closer bond of family ties and mutual understanding will be the outcome of such practice. Many important and far-reaching lessons can be taught, in a small family group out in the open away from all other distraction, which are too often neglected in our busy city life.

Some will spend their vacations at home; but with the spirit of vacation in the air, the tendency is to slacken in the performance of our duty in the summer months. It will be well for parents to spend a little extra effort to guide the family activities along the right channels while the children are deprived of the cultural activities of school life.

Let us as members of the Oakland Stake seek to enjoy this summer's vacation with the Church influence and activity, and avoid a vacation from Church influence and activity.

Sincerely your brethren,  
EUGENE HILTON,  
W. GLENN HARMON,  
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

### CORRECTION

In the May issue in the report of the special priesthood meeting in the Salt Lake Temple, it was stated that President Grant was the only one of the General Authorities present who was a General Authority at the time the last previous meeting had been held in the assembly room over 40 years previous. This was in accordance with the statement made by President Grant in opening the session. However, *THE MESSENGER* is in receipt of a letter of correction from President Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy saying this was an error, that he was himself present as one of the General Authorities at the last previous meeting in the assembly room, which occurred at the time of the dedication of the Temple in April, 1893.

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

Alameda: William J. Nielsen, Ralph S. Barney.  
Berkeley: W. Glenn Harmon.  
Claremont: Grant Ellis, R. Kendall Thomas.  
Dimond: Wayne E. Mayhew, Eugene B. Jacobs.  
Elmhurst: Don J. Alphin, Victor C. Lindblad.  
Hayward: Nathan Tolman, Hugh P. Anderson.  
Martinez: O. Leslie Stone, Don C. Wood.  
Oakland: Claude M. Dewsnup, J. Edward Johnson.  
Richmond: Eugene Hilton.  
Pittsburg: I. B. Ball, John C. Stirrat.  
Vallejo: Clyde J. Summerhays.

Ever praying for your welfare in your important work, and that peace and prosperity may attend you not only in this life, but that there may be an eternity of joy in store for you and all your loved ones in a life to come, I am

Sincerely your brother,  
HEBER J. GRANT.

## FILM, "BRIGHAM YOUNG," IN PRODUCTION

Elder Thys Winkle reports that he has seen a preview of the proposed script for the film, "Brigham Young," which is now in production by Twentieth Century-Fox studios. The film will portray the early life of the great pioneer, depict the exodus from Nauvoo, and enlarge upon the difficulties encountered by the pioneers who stood by him so faithfully. It will unfold the building of the great western empire in Utah.

Elder Winkle states that this film will be a decided asset to the Church, for the producers are cooperating with and receiving great help from President Grant. The Church will have the privilege of rejecting or cutting out any part of the script. It is expected that over two and a half millions of dollars will be spent in production, which will probably be in technicolor. It is slated to be one of the major pictures of the year. Louis Bromfield, noted author and playwright, is writing the script and has spent considerable time in Salt Lake City in research. President Grant has received assurances from the producers that a commendable story of the pioneer leader will be presented.

Another film, "The Miracle of Salt Lake," from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios has already been released. It is a short subject, and is now being circulated far and wide. Salt Lake papers recently carried a picture of Harry David presenting a copy of this film to Presidents Grant and McKay for deposit in the Church archives.

## PARLEY FISH IN DIMOND BISHOPRIC

The Dimond ward bishopric has been reorganized, Second Counselor Clair J. Brossard moving from the city; Knute Torgensen was made first counselor and Parley Fish, Sr., second counselor. Elder Fish received his early education in the School of the Holy Cross and All Hallows College at Salt Lake City; he was baptized a Catholic. His young associates were nearly all Latter-day Saints, though he did not join until later in life. While a small boy he played in most of the wards of Salt Lake City as a one-man band with mouth organ and guitar accompanying amateur theatricals of his friends. He entered the employ of the telephone company when very young at Portland, Oregon, and has been with them thirty years. He married Patricia Burnham in 1915; they moved to Oakland in 1924, and Parley soon had an orchestra of telephone men who played in the various wards. He was affiliated with the Dimond branch in recreational work before he was baptized a member in 1927. Since then he has served in many capacities, including Mutual and Sunday School work. He is a charter member of the Mormon Male Chorus and was its second president.

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## WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE

For June, 1939

### Sabbath Observance in Modern Times

Some Latter-day Saints are today faced with the question, "Are we expected to observe the Sabbath in the spirit in which the original commandment was given, or have changing conditions modified and 'liberalized' our living so that we might engage in some activities which, in the past, have been banned?"

To every true Latter-day Saint the answer to this question is obvious. The commandment to observe the Lord's Day was first given to the Children of Israel from Mount Sinai. Since that time it has been reiterated in every dispensation.

The Bible is clear that, so far as that record is concerned, to its very end Sabbath observance continues to be the law. The Book of Mormon definitely makes the same commandment a part of Gospel teaching. The Doctrine and Covenants, the most modern of scriptures, confirms the previous teachings and enjoins strict observance of the Sabbath Day.

At no time has there been any pronouncement, scriptural or otherwise, to change the commandment. Therefore, regardless of what others may do or what other churches may sanction, Latter-day Saints are under obligation to give strict observance, to "rest from your labors and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High."

The commandment continues, "and on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or, in other words, that thy joy may be full . . . And inasmuch as ye do these things with thanksgiving, with cheerful hearts and countenances, not with much laughter, for this is sin, but with a glad heart and countenance . . . the fullness of the earth is yours . . . the good things which come of the earth, whether for food or for raiment . . . to strengthen the body and to enliven the soul." And then the final injunctions and promises: "And in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things, and obey not his commandments . . . But learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and the Spirit beareth record. Amen." (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 59:13-24.)

Latter-day Saints are urged to give serious consideration to proper observance of the Sabbath in their homes and among their families. Amusements, sports, outings, visits to pleasure resorts, fishing, hunting, and other forms of recreation are in direct violation of all commandments and teachings on this subject. Unnecessary work or travel should be avoided. Advance preparation should limit even household duties to a minimum. The spirit of rest, worship, and prayer should be fostered in every home. (Era for May, page 300.)

## SAN FRANCISCO LADDER PROJECT

One of the Welfare projects of San Francisco Stake has been the manufacture of ladders for practically every use. It has been under way for two years and in that time about 4,000 ladder-feet have been made. Selected Oregon spruce is used because of its great strength and light weight, and is reinforced with steel. There is at present a stock on hand ranging from three feet to 12 feet in length. These are sold at 35 cents per foot. A special product which has been termed the "wifesaver," for use in the kitchen, is available at \$1.00. Twelve-foot orchard ladders sell for \$5.00.

The project is carried on under the name, Security Products Company, at 4451 Mission Street. Persons interested may telephone DElaware 534 or write to No. 286 Lowell Street, San Francisco.

## THE ORTHS VACATION IN GERMANY

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Orth, members of the superintendency and presidency respectively of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A., saw

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## M MEN, GLEANER CONVENTION

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Dexter Larson  
President, M Men



Jane Lowry  
President, Gleaners

supper-dance held at the boathouse on beautiful Lake Merritt. An added feature was an evening boat ride around the lake.

Two spiritual feasts were in order on Sunday, with a luncheon in between at the Hotel Claremont. The morning session, from 9:00 to 12:00—in fact, the whole convention—was built around the theme, "It's smart to be moral." Following a short welcome from President Hilton, Gleaner President Jane Lowry took charge, introduced the special guests who spoke briefly, and then the delegates separated into six discussion groups, all of which were well attended. Discussion of the theme, "It's Smart to Be Moral," was led by R. Kendall Thomas; William J. Nielsen led the group which discussed the "Distinction of Temple Marriage," Richard W. Young took charge of those interested in "Mastering Leisure"; David W. Cummings was leader in considering "Vocation Contentment but Not Satisfaction"; Dr. John Solberg had charge of the "Church in Education," and Ralph Barney led the group discussing "Why Spirituality?"

Following the hour's discussion, the delegates reassembled to listen to a masterly address on the convention's theme by Miss Brockbank from the general board. Dr. Daynes, also scheduled to talk, was able to say but a few words because of a cold. The session was then turned over to the delegates for testimony bearing, and it is the considered judgment of those present that this was probably the high-spot of the entire convention.

The delegates and guests were transported to Berkeley's beautiful Hotel Claremont for luncheon, at which Tom Ferguson officiated as toastmaster.

Sunday evening, sacrament services were held in Oakland ward, conducted by Dexter Larson, Stake M Men president. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Williams and Superintendent Morris.

them off Friday evening, May 26, for a long-delayed honeymoon and vacation in Germany, Mr. Orth's native land. They will return in August.

Monday was free-lance day at Treasure Island, delegates being left to seek out those things which most interested them. At 7:30 Monday evening a semi-formal banquet-dance was held at the Berkeley Women's City Club, and on Tuesday a field day and picnic concluded the convention upon the campus of the Oakland High School.

The convention was well managed throughout, and went off with scarcely a hitch. Its smoothness was a tribute to the careful planning and execution of the Stake M Men—Gleaner organizations who did the actual work, and the helpful cooperation of Superintendent Lund Johnson, President Mary Dunham, Walter Hall and Laura Johnson, who are in charge of this work.

Following are a few highlights from the theme talk given by R. Kendall Thomas, before Youth Convention, which brought many M Men and Gleaners to their feet in support of their slogan—"It's smart to be moral."

It's smart to be moral because no man wants to place a mortgage on his peace of mind.

—a mortgage against the freedom of the soul leads to foreclosure.

No man can be free and "cover-up."

—don't overlook "His Satanic Majesty"—he knows all about youth that wants to play fair and he's in the game to smash it up. He's in the game playing "dirty"—"tripping"—"holding"—he's in to cut and slash ideals.

Mormon training is such that it goes hard with the Latter-day Saint who tries to batter down a glorious heritage.

It was my experience to come to San Francisco as a boy, partly responsible for 600 other boys assigned to act as personal bodyguard to Admiral Robley D. Evans at the time he turned over the command of the fleet.

At that time these "honor" boys wrote their own regulations with respect to conduct. There was no church affiliation. It was just a manly code. It was a priceless document from the ranks of the boys themselves.

Fighters—yes.

Athletes—yes.

Marksmen—yes, but the biggest bullseye was their code of ethics, creating their own statue of liberty and putting their own girls up there—high on a pedestal—somewhere, where they belonged—and—deep down in the heart of that document, was the theme—couched in different language—yes—but embodying a thought—perhaps a sacred pledge—but not unlike your slogan, "It's smart to be moral."

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## ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

By ISAAC B. BALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth installment of a short biography of Joseph Mayberry, father of Josephine Mayberry Braley of Berkeley ward.)

Our last installment closed with the recital of the sadness which clothed the whole Church at the bewildering time when Joseph the seer and peerless leader was martyred at stone-walled Carthage jail.

From this point our diarist continues: "The enemy thought that, as the Prophet, Joseph Smith, had been killed the Church would die a natural death. But on August 9, 1844, about five in the afternoon, a meeting was called by the Twelve Apostles to decide who should stand in the Prophet's place as head of the Church.

"Sidney Rigdon had previously tried to prevail upon the Saints that it was his right as first counselor to the Prophet, to stand at the head of the Church as his legal successor. At the meeting Sidney Rigdon arose and made a lengthy speech setting forth his qualifications and also his right to stand at the head of the Church. When he sat down he had made very little impression upon the assembly.

"Then Brigham Young arose. His very appearance was like that of the Prophet Joseph. The mantle of the Prophet rested upon him and his voice was like that of the Prophet when he declared, 'I am the man to lead this people.'

"I, Joseph Mayberry, have this to say: I was there. I saw the transfiguration. I heard his voice, and I knew that he was the man chosen by the Lord to lead this people. We accepted him as our leader and were willing to do whatever he called upon us to do."

As far as the persecutions of the saints were concerned, they continued after a very short lull. True, some of the mob were brought before the courts in May, 1844. But the trial was a farce, the jurors were instructed to bring in a verdict of "Not guilty." Yet it was common knowledge that every one of them was implicated in the foul murder.

Brother Mayberry records that the work on the Nauvoo Temple went on all during these hard times, though under great difficulties. Even the body of U. S. troops, stationed among the Saints ostensibly to protect them, subjected them to varied and sundry insults and abuse, even entering houses, ransacking and robbing. When the Governor was petitioned for redress he refused to intervene.

But the work of the Kingdom progressed. "On October 8, 1844, I was ordained a Seventy in the Eleventh Quorum of Seventy. I was the thirteenth to be so enrolled in that quorum. "On Sunday evening, February 23, 1845, at a Seventy's meeting held in Nauvoo, John D.

Lee, presiding, asked for thirteen men to volunteer to do donation work in a brick factory for the benefit of the Temple. I was the fourth man to volunteer my services. I donated four months for the Temple, and then I donated two months for tithing. On May 24, 1845, the capstone of that Temple of sacrifice was laid by President Brigham Young at six in the morning, amidst solemn services. Then we all shouted for joy: 'HOSANNA! Hosanna! Hosanna! To God and the Lamb! Amen, Amen, Amen.' Thousands of the Saints were assembled there. The spirit of the Lord rested upon us, and we knew that the Temple had been accepted of the Lord. The mob continued to harass us intermittently, especially in the outlying districts.

"The Temple was opened for endowments in the month of October, 1845. The First Presidency and the Apostles and their wives were the first to receive their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple. This was because they were expected to be the first to leave for the West to locate a place for the Saints to reside permanently. On the sixth of January the Temple was opened to the Saints in general for all to enter who were worthy of recommendation for endowments.

"On January 8, 1845, my mother, my two brothers, Gabriel and David, and myself went through the Temple and there received our endowments. This was our great recompense, the desired fruits of our many sacrifices. Owing to mob violence, the Temple was closed for a few days, opening again on the seventh of February, at which time my brother, Thomas, and my father, John Mayberry, received their endowments. My sister, Mary, received her endowments on the eighth of February, 1846, and was then married to Robert Collins."

It is proper at this time to point out to the reader that here we possess first-hand, eye-witness evidence that the Saints and the Apostles as a whole in Nauvoo, within sixteen months after the martyrdom of the Prophet, did do endowment work in the Nauvoo Temple, as the Prophet had directed them to do, after which the Reorganized L.-D. S. Church seems to have no knowledge.

This narrative has now reached the time of the great trek across the plains to Utah. Joseph Mayberry was a personal participant. His diary has the charm and the conviction which is singular to original documents of the world's critical events. This exodus has no parallel in American history, and few, if any, in world chronicles. For sheer drama, dark tragedy, heroism, and dastardly brutality it ranks with the great epics, depicting the movement through banishment of a whole people across deserts and among savages to a new home amid mountain valleys.

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## WARD NEWS

## HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Mrs. Verla Light was hostess to the Family Relations group at her home Wednesday evening, May 17. Mrs. Leora Ellis led the lesson for the month, after which refreshments were served.

Mr. Leon White, former resident of Arizona, has returned to his home state for a short business trip.

A personal shower for Gwendolyn Millet, Hayward ward's first missionary, was given June 2, at the home of Cecile Truscott in Centerville. Many beautiful gifts were received by Miss Millet from the women of the ward.

Members of the building committee wish to express their thanks to all those who patronized or cooperated in any way, to help make the dinner they served Conference Sunday, a success.

## MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

A fine Mother's Day program was presented by the Sunday school on May 7th. The program was given a week ahead to enable those who wished to attend Stake conference on May 14th.

George Mortensen of Provo, Utah, a former member of our ward, was a visitor in Martinez May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robison and Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Robison have returned from Idaho, where they were called recently by the serious illness and subsequent death of their mother, Mrs. Mary M. Robison.

We enjoyed the presence of President Clyde Summerhays at our sacrament meeting, May 21. The Relief Society ladies recently met at the home of Lillian Abbott. An enjoyable evening was spent. Lillian Abbott and Maude Korth were hostesses.

Kenneth Dahlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin, is getting along very well after a recent operation. He will be in the hospital for some time yet.

## OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The ward Relief Society held their annual conference, Sunday evening, May 21. A very interesting program was presented. The speakers of the evening were Mrs. Vera Mayhew, Mrs. Ruth Hilton, Mrs. Sarah Carruth, and Mr. Wayne Mayhew.

Among those motoring to Salt Lake to attend the June conference, are Mrs. Katherine

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Norberg, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gee, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hollman and daughter.

The Family Relations class, consisting of the young mothers of the ward, invited their husbands to a special meeting held Wednesday evening, May 10, in the ward. Dr. Hart led a very lively discussion on family relations, after which refreshments were served to forty young mothers and fathers.

The Junior Genealogical class, under the direction of Bishop Shields, held their classes during the month of May at the following homes: May 7, at Glen Elliotts; May 14, at Bishop Shields, and on May 21, at Mr. Phisters' home.

Mr. Joseph H. Thoresen has been confined for several weeks in the Marine Hospital, San Francisco. We are happy to hear that he will return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher motored to Salinas one week-end recently to visit friends.

## VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at 2010 Marin Street

The Sunday evening service, May 7, which the Mutual gave as their closing meeting of the season, was a wonderful success, and was attended by a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Taylor and son, Eugene, are visiting in Ogden, Utah, with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKay.

Elda Lowery and infant daughter, Janice, have returned from a visit at Pocatello, Idaho.

Vallejo Ward Scout Troop, which will be known as Troop 19, was organized and received their charter Tuesday evening, May 2. There were nine members, with Walter Bolander as Scoutmaster, and Newel Standley, Grant Stratford, Glen V. Lowery and Monroe Thomas as committeemen.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Norma Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, and Dale Tanner, the marriage to be solemnized in June by Bishop Cheshire. Miss Hill was Vallejo's queen at the Green and Gold Ball the past winter.

The Aaronic Priesthood Restoration Anniversary program was conducted by the Aaronic Priesthood group Sunday evening, May 21, as outlined by the presiding bishopric. The boys' chorus, which rendered two numbers, was enjoyed by all.

## ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

Miss Alice M. Nielson, Alameda, and Mr. Urban Olson of Clifton, Idaho, were married Easter Sunday. The ceremony was performed at the Harmony House in the Piedmont Hills. A very lovely reception followed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Rose Ashley.

On Sunday, May 7, the Sunday School honored Mother's Day with a very interesting program, and presented each mother with a carnation. Under the direction of Violet Pinckney and Viola Lee the Primary children presented a lovely Mother's Day program. Most of the children performed, and nearly all of their mothers were present.

The Alameda Chapter of the Daughters of the Pioneers held a fine meeting at the home of Amelia Everetts, after which delicious refreshments were served.

A group of people listened to "The Fullness of Time" Stake records at the Crandall home during the last month.

The M. I. A. gave a very successful closing party. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by everybody.

Reba Windle and children are visiting in

Salt Lake City and Southern Utah with relatives and friends. Vivian Schaffer and Mabelle Radabaugh and children are visiting in Los Angeles. Leo and Blanche Crandall are visiting in Los Angeles and San Diego.

The Alameda ward extends their sympathy to Mrs. Lillian Horman, upon the death of her father last month.

## ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The ward welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Wells Brimhall.

Mr. Ralph Lakness has graduated from the University of California with high honors and has been commissioned as a Reserve Lieutenant in the United States Coast Artillery.

The Seventys of the ward sponsored a successful theater party at the new Laurel Theater May 24, 25 and 26.

Mr. E. J. Partington was honored at a surprise party given him by a group of friends at his home.

Miss Bea Stock and Mr. Ken Cunningham are to be married by Bishop H. J. McFarland on June 24 at the Elmhurst Chapel.

The Relief Society closed the season with an enjoyable party for the mothers and daughters at the home of the Relief Society president, Mrs. L. Holder.

The large crowd which attended Sunday School on May 7 was well repaid by the Mother's Day program given by the Sunday School.

## CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley

The Claremont ward wishes to express their appreciation to the officers and teachers who were released on Sunday, April 30, for their splendid work.

To Gordon Jones, assistant in the superintendency; to Ella Ingham, secretary, and to the following teachers: Golden Wolfe, Ira Telford, Ruth Jones. Their positions have been filled with Lynn Kloefer as assistant in the superintendency, Helen Burdett and Jean Brown as associate secretaries; Jane Rick, Georgia Erickson and Flora Gain as teachers. All of those who were released have been given new jobs, with the exception of Golden Wolfe, who is moving from this ward.

Mr. P. C. Stephensen is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rawson, and is also seeing the Fair. Mr. Stephensen comes from Ogden, Utah.

The regular work and business meeting of the Claremont Relief Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles C. Carr, 2139 Oregon Street, Berkeley, on May 11.

Bishop Chase announces that starting with the month of May he hopes to put the ward on the budget system, in accordance to the plans of the church authorities.

Young dancers of the Claremont ward will

## PITTSBURG

Services Held in American Legion Hall on E Street

On Sunday, April 16, President F. Melloo gave an interesting talk on conference news. Special notice given to welfare work.

Mr. Arthur Ware and wife and Mr. and Mrs. F. Knight, of Salt Lake City, were visitors at Dr. Knight's home in Antioch.

Relief Society conference was held on Sunday, April 30. Mrs. Elsworth of the Stake board gave an inspiring talk, and valuable instruction. Musical numbers and special talks completed the program.

On May 7 a program of songs, readings and special features was given in honor of Mother's Day. Carnations were presented to all mothers present.

On Saturday, May 13, our Priesthood group won the cup, for the number present in the Aaronic group.

## RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

W. Glenn Harmon of the Stake Presidency and Sherman D. Kelley of Boulder City, Nevada, were guest speakers at the Aaronic Priesthood Sunday evening service.

A "Virginia baked ham" dinner was held on May 23 as part of the building benefit program. This dinner was under the direction of the Elders' Quorum and Relief Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman D. Kelly and two children, of Boulder City, Nevada, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Whelan for the past few weeks.

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Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins and Alvin Hopkins, Jr., who were badly bruised in car accidents, are recovering.

Elizabeth Gengler was given a stork shower May 18 at the ward chapel, sponsored by Eva Ensminger and Edna Redfield.

Pearl Gengler and Frank Brown, of this ward, were married Saturday, May 20, at Martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hopkins and family have had as guests, Mrs. Roxana Hopkins and Sybil Hopkins of Salt Lake City.

Miss Pearl Hart, 56, passed away after a long illness. Funeral services were held May 24 at the Wilson & Kratzer Funeral Chapel. Interment was held in Ogden, Utah.

### DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The last meeting of the Relief Society for the season was turned into a social; a book review was given by Mrs. Ruth Bowen, followed by refreshments in the recreation hall, where the Heart Friends for the past year were revealed.

President Ruth Shurtliff announces a meeting to be held once a month during the summer months, the second Tuesday, unless otherwise notified.

Alice Elizabeth Cummings and Herbert Springer Anderson were married May 19 at the home of the bridegroom, by Bishop R. O. Phelps.

Dr. and Mrs. Dorius made a trip to Salt Lake City and return by plane last month.

The Sacrament meeting, May 29, was in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of Dimond Chapel. All members taking part contributed to the dedication program ten years ago.

Hazel Segerstedt has her mother, Mrs. Clinger of Salt Lake City, visiting with her.

The Dimond Choir, together with the Boys' Choir, sang for the graduating exercises of the evening classes of Oakland High School, May 25, under direction of Director Aaltje Johan.

Lulu McCarthy just returned from an extended visit in Utah.

The Primary officers and teachers ended their year's work with a weiner roast at the home of La Von McKean, May 24. The hostess was assisted by Rosetta Thomas and Helen Payne.

The Primary children are to meet Monday, June 26, at 11 o'clock with their lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Phelps, of Mesa, Arizona, paid a short visit to their son, Bishop Phelps and family.

Charles C. Cherrington left May 25 for a three months' trip to England. The previous evening a number of his friends called to wish him bon voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick recently returned from a trip to St. George, Utah.

May 17, the Bishopric surprised the choir with refreshments after their rehearsal, in honor of their director's birthday.

### BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Relief Society held their closing party for the year on Thursday afternoon, May 25. The program, under the direction of Mrs. P. W. Dunyon, consisted of a book review by Mrs. C. H. Linford, who reviewed "My Great Wide Beautiful World," by Juanita Harrison, after which refreshments were served.

The Primary Association held graduation exercises for the boys on April 24. The program consisted of songs and talks by the boys. The

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde LaPray, Hayward, a son, May 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamps, Elmhurst, a son, May 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Knight, Vallejo, a son, May 5.

#### BLESSINGS:

Berkeley: Caroline Osmond, John Parley Dunford.

Elmhurst: Dayle Victoria Johnson.

Oakland: Charles Boll, Alberta Clara Gow, Joyce Goodfellow, Robert Gutke, Elaine Ranker.

Vallejo: Gerald Norman Watson, Janice Jacobson, Claudia Linel Ivie (Benicia), Joseph Richard Houghton (Bakersfield), Edwin Jay Ekberg.

#### BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Berkeley: Dolores Broun, Doris Whiteman, Maxine Case.

Hayward: George Reinking.

Martinez: Roma Lucille Guymon, Gerald Bradbury.

Oakland: Theodore Guinn, Lee Pitchforth, Marilyn Mae Gutke, Allan Andrew Gutke.

#### ORDINATIONS:

Teachers: John Thomas Smith, Berkeley; Carver Moosman, Berkeley.

Priests: Leon W. Paulson, Oakland; Blain Wheeler, Claremont; Royal Chase, Claremont.

Elders: Robert H. Bradley, Oakland; Elmer Goodfellow, Oakland; Robert Glen Elliott, Oakland; Jack Howard Shields, Oakland; Wm. G. Banks, Oakland.

Ordained Seventy by Richard R. Lyman, May 13 and 14: Joseph R. Johnson, Gregor D. Segerstedt, T. Rex McKeon, LeRoy H. Spencer, Calvin Gail Cragun, Franklin D. Webb, Oliver C. Ostagar, Clark B. Murphy, Alcide R. Currie, Vao Cheney, Ira R. Telford, Paul B. Braby, James Harvey Kirby.

Ordained as Bishop: Reed Chase, Claremont ward, May 14; Wendell M. Jensen, Alameda ward, May 14.

Ordained as High Priest: Parley L. Fish, Knute Torgeson.

Set apart as Bishop's Counselor: Arthur J. Burdett, Second Counselor, Claremont ward; Parley L. Fish, Second Counselor, Dimond ward; Thys Winkle, First Counselor, Alameda.

Set apart as officers in Seventys' quorums: Marcel Lauper, President, 247th Quorum; Roylat T. Cox, Secretary, 247th Quorum.

#### MARRIAGES:

Rene Schipper and Truman Nethercott, Salt Lake Temple, May 17.

#### DEATHS:

Theodore Cheney, Hayward.

Elwin Tucker, Vallejo, May 8, 1939.

same evening they were accepted into Troop 8 by Dr. R. L. Knight, scoutmaster. Those graduating were George Sorenson, James Walkinson, Richard Coltron, Bud Stone, and William Sparks.

The Deseret Club held an outing on the afternoon and evening of May 20 at the Berkeley Regional Parks.

Alma Dean Ericksen of Berkeley entertained at a personal shower for Louise Feller on Monday, May 22. Miss Feller will be married on June 9 to Emil Pahl, in the Berkeley ward chapel.

Two of the Berkeley primary teachers have left the ward. They are Mrs. Lois Driggs, who has moved to Merced, and Mrs. Virginia Palmer, who has gone to Mexico.

Mrs. Eliza A. Smith of Logan, Utah, has been visiting in Berkeley with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

The Berkeley ward choir, with the Oakland choir, presented the music for the afternoon session of the regular quarterly conference on May 14, under the direction of W. King Driggs. Choir practice is held regularly every Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

Mrs. Fred Madsen and Mrs. Ed P. Cox and son, Douglas, of Manti, Utah, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall of Berkeley. Mrs. Hall just returned from the funeral services of her father, P. P. Dyreng of Manti.

Mrs. Vilate Pierpont and her grandson, John Deal, have been traveling through Bryce and Zion canyons in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lindblad have had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mitton, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mitton and daughter, Annette, of Logan, for the last few weeks.

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